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**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT AND REQUEST THAT APPLICATION NOT BE PUBLISHED**

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Sir:

Applicants request that the above-identified patent application be abandoned. This application was filed together with a Petition that the rules be suspended and that it be deemed a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,565,788 ("the '788 patent"). That Petition was denied, and, as no declaration by the inventors was filed, it was assumed, by Applicants, that the application was abandoned. The receipt of an Official Action dated August 11, 2004 was therefore a surprise. However, as Applicants were not allowed to claim priority to the '788 patent, they wish the present application to be abandoned.

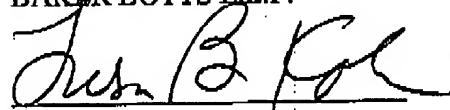
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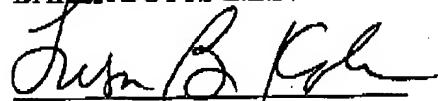
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